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Editorial Comment

THE REA WRANGLE

The REA has been considered one of the greatest triumphs of federal service in modern times. Tens of thousands of rural homes enjoy, because of the REA Hi-line. In addition to raising rural living standards, it has opened up vast new markets for industry. Nothing we could say in the way of praise would adequately express the good done by this federal agency.

It is most unfortunate, therefore, that a wrangle between two REA co-operatives serving this part of Virginia should mar the otherwise excellent record of the agency. We share the opinion of Appomattox citizens who are not yet on REA lines; let the regional administrator settle this jurisdictional squabble, and proceed to do the job for which the Congress set up the agency. Nothing can excuse [illegible] and we support the demand of Appomattox farmers for service.

PUBLIC HEALTH

We are glad to see the interest in public health in Virginia. Our state had an unfortunate standing [illegible] matter of [illegible] for a study of this record will be made, and recommendations suggested for improvement of health standards.

In this connection, it has long been desired by this newspaper that Appomattox have a modern gymnasium, where the physical education of our young people could receive more attention. We know that this same desire is shared by our local authorities. It is a matter of the money for such a building and proper, adequate supervision.

Surely here is one of the most pressing needs of our county and one that might as well meet sooner as later.

Another phase of the program for improvement in public health is the establishment of county health units. This is being studied in Virginia counties at the moment, and the day may not be far distant when the Old Dominion will reach a more favorable position in comparative health standings.

CALM JUDGMENT

Editors are human and often feel the urge to open up with a blast of hot language against some policy, group or individual. It was done in the old days of belligerent journalism, but modern editors, generally, agree the need for calmness in reviewing political affairs and write mostly, if less interesting, safe and individual and for the nation. Enlightened public opinion is the [illegible] of democracy.

NEWS IS BAD

Most people [illegible] paper [illegible] boy forgets to throw it on the porch, but the residents of Cleveland know only too well how much a part of their daily life it may become. The three Cleveland papers have resumed publication which was suspended on January 8 when the [illegible] went on strike.

During that time, Clevesand people found it very inconvenient to get news. Some drove to other cities to buy papers. Two enterprising men from A ron loaded up with newspapers and sold them at premium prices ranging from a dime to a dollar, and a man in search of the Chicago Tribune. The weather bureau and funeral homes were flooded. Housewives did not know where to look for vacancies, and lawyers fear that the suspension of legal advertising may cause complications in numerous lawsuits.

When a strike does [illegible] the home for the aged, the town was swept by all kinds of fantastic rumors - all because the normal source of reliable news had been interrupted.

The same experience has been shared by several other cities recently. In both Seattle, where newspapers were shut down for several months by a strike. The press of the United States spares no labor or expense to keep the public supplied with fresh authentic, unbiased news, informed comment and lively entertainment.

After their experience of the last month, the people of Cleveland are convinced that the effort is worth while.

THE PAULEY CASE

The law of the land provides that the United States Senate must approve major appointments for federal positions. We see no reason why the Senate should hesitate to reject a nomination from the President when a majority of the members feels that an unwise selection has been made. There is no need to deem such a rejection as a catastrophe, it is just a routine discharge of the Senate's function.

If the Senate believes the case against Mr. Pauley, whom President has nominated for a position where he will have a hand in shaping federal policies on oil, in the Senate should go ahead and promptly reject the nomination. Surely there are plenty of men whose fitness for the position is unquestioned. Virginia can offer such in the person of the [illegible] Mr. Darden.

[illegible] system" in making important federal appointments is unpopular with the people and results in poor administration. Here is a good chance to let the President know that the country wishes a better assortment of administrators than he has been in the habit of nominating. The nomination of Mr. Pauley will not [illegible] for other unsatisfactory nominations.

This paper has nothing for or against Mr. Pauley. Let the Senate decide on the basis of hearings, and so vote.

We do feel that it is poor judgment to divide the Democratic party and injure its chances for staying in power merely to get [illegible] in charge of a department.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers WNU Features

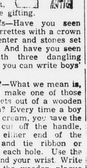
By NANCY PEPPER

Jewel Box

Where are the goofy gadgets of yesteryear? Remember when you cluttered yourself up with powder puff faces and wishing boxes and spaghetti jewelry? That was B.V. (Before Johnson). Here are the jewels you're drooling for now.

Endearing Young Charms — The slicker chicks collect Theme Charms for their bracelets. For instance, some gals collect Western charms, others specialize in heart charms, some concentrate on movable charms that "do" things. You're not really a member of the Collectors' Club until you have at least 25 of them - so you'd better get going.

Steady St..f—When you're in a Beau-Knot (that's new Jabberwocky for "going steady") you tell the world by having his name engraved upon your [illegible] bracelet. [illegible] cave your name [illegible] on his [illegible] have him do the gifting.



Headline Jools—Have you seen the new gold barrettes with a crown design in the center and stones set on either side? And have you seen the combs with three dangling hearts on which you can write boys' initials?

Wanna Spoon?—What we mean is, do you want to make one of those new I.D. bracelets out of a wooden ice-cream spoon? Every time a boy treats you to ice cream, you save the wooden spoon, cut off the handle, bore holes in either end of the spoon section and tie ribbon or bra died yarn in each hole. Use the ends to tie around your wrist. Write his initials on the wooden plaque with your reddest nail polish. Isn't that a cute Twist for your Wrist?

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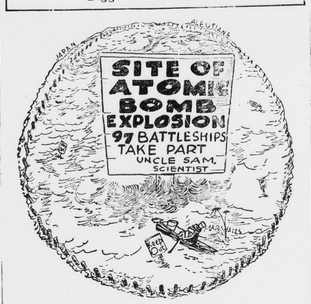
TRISH TEEN SAYS—

Nothing won't get you anywhere but to the Dog House and nob-dy's going to toss you a bone. Sure, he's been flirting with that new girl all evening, and he's only cut in once, even though you were stuck with a Sad Sam for three choruses of "Stardust." So you pulled down the corners of your mouth, you're making like a tragedy Queen and you're having a terrible time. Snap out of it, junior. Hide that breaking heart under your sloppy Joe, get out there and cut a rug; do some flirting of your own. Smile and you'll be popular; sulk and you'll cry alone in the dressing room.

Tobacco marketing season ends this week.

Chester Bowles says that the price line can be held.

Biggest Show on Earth



Take My Word For It!

By FRANK COLBY

QUESTION BOX

Cincinnati: Isn't the name **Eisenhower** of German origin? What does it mean?—Reade.

Answer: The original German spelling was "Eisenbauer." In German, Eisen is the word for "iron." Bauer means, "hewer; miner; cutting implement."

London: I have heard too many persons speak of a "cartoon" of cigarettes. Isn't language taught any more in American schools?—R. W.

Answer: Yes; but remember the old saw about leading a horse to water. The right word is carton, pronounced: KAHR-tn. A cartoon (khar-TOON) is a humorous or satirical drawing.

Salem: Every time I hear "genially" pronounced "JEN-uh-lee" I could scream! Have all the dictionaries gone out of business?—Mrs. N. M.

Answer: No; but remember the old saw about leading the horses, etc. Generally is a four syllable word. Pronounce it: **JEN-er-uh-lee.**

Wichita Falls: Is "modernistic" an accepted word in architecture and decorating? A friend says "modern" fills the bill. What's the good word?—Mrs. W. W. S.

Answer: Modernistic, as used by architects, furniture dealers, and decorators, describes a style of decorative art which departs radically from the traditional or conventional. Modernistic art is often spoken of as "futuristic," or "impression istic."

Milwaukee: Recently I came across the word "repetitive" in a book. My dictionary doesn't list it. Please discuss.—M. G. S.

Answer: The word means "repetitious," repeating." Pronounce it: **ree-PET-i-tiv.**

Bell Syndicate — WNU Features.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

For your pretty cotton blouses and vestees put several teaspoonfuls of cologne in the starch. You'll be fragrant and have a "fresh as spring" scent about you. Ironing brings out the perfume.

Ledger Syndicate — WNU Features.

[illegible] firing [illegible] member of [illegible]FC Board.

Murder of Russians confirmed by Nazi pictures at Nuernburg.

Pay raise for shipbuilders.

Durden may be appointed to U. of Va. board.

New X-Ray Tube Is Marvel of Science

Promises to Open Up Vistas Heretofore Unknown.

MILWAUKEE—Out of the University of Illinois laboratories has come one of the outstanding X-ray developments of X-ray's first 50 years—a new X-ray tube equivalent to 90 pounds of radium in ray output.

Radium is an atomically active material used in medicine in quantities down to millionths of an ounce.

The startling story was told by George L. Clark, professor of chemistry at U. of I., who spoke at a symposium on industrial radiology staged by Marquette university in this city, celebrating X-ray's semi-centennial.

The new tube, only 16 inches long, is the work of T. H. Rogers, managing engineer of the Hachlett Laboratories at Springdale, Conn., based on research done at Champaign. Its 50,000 volts produce a flow of 5,500,000 roentgen units per minute, compared to the 540 units of any previous device.

The new tube and its astounding capacity mean X-ray pictures in seconds instead of minutes for industry. Professor Clark said, and, in the research field, opens up possibilities not even imagined.

Study of the effects of X-rays on cells, such as cancer tissue, the chemical effects of light, the preparation of vaccines to kill bacteria and many other forms of research become possible in ways previously out of the question, he said.

As far as the university is concerned, the new tube is comparable to the development of the 250,000,000 volt beletron, an atom-smashing device that played an important part in the atomic bomb feat.

Jap Foreign Office Man Admits 'Free India' Plot

NEW DELHI, INDIA.—A functionary of th Japanese foreign office, summoned as first defense witness in the Indian National army trial, sought to prove the independence of the late Subhas Chandra Bose's provisional government of Free India.

The prosecution has pictured Bose's government as a puppet of Japan.

The prosecution elicited from Shunichi Matsumoto, twice vice minister of foreign affairs for Japan, admissions that promotion of Azad Hand (Free India) was part of the Japanese war strategy.

Matsumoto said that Bose, leader of Azad Hand and the National army, was brought from Germany to Japan about April, 1943. The witness cast no light on what is a mystery in India—how Bose traveled to Japan. He had vanished almost magically from his Calcutta home just before Japan went to war.

Use Balloons in Sinus Cavities to Fight Asthma

CHICAGO.—Use of tiny rubber balloons, inflated inside the sinus cavities, to afford relief from asthmatic symptoms caused by infection, was described by Dr. J. M. Robinson of Houston, Texas, at the second annual meeting of the American Academy of Allergy.

The balloons, Dr Robison explained, exert hydro-static pressure on the surrounding tissues to accomplish drainage by compression.

Patients, Dr. Robison said, are able to wear the balloons inside their maxillary (cheek) sinuses without discomfort for as long as three months. Good results, he said, have been secured in the last two years in 25 cases. The meeting was attended by 150 physicians from all parts of the country.

Many new airports to be built over the nation.

U. S. educators to aid the Army in Japan.

[illegible] cabinet quits after election in Belgium.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

AMERICA'S OIL TWINS

WASHINGTON. — Many senators believe that the confirmation row over charming Ed Pauley as under secretary of the navy has taken on new significance now that Sec. Harold Ickes has offered Ralph Davies the job of under secretary of the interior.

It happens that Davies and Ed Pauley are bosom friends. Both are oil men. Both have followed the policy of "scratch-my-back-I'll-scratch-yours." This is important.

Recently, Secretary Ickes, who has a crusading record for guarding the nation's resources, recommended to President Truman that naval oil reserves be transferred from the navy to the interior department. It was just such a transfer by Albert K. Fall in the Harding administration that resulted in the teapot dome oil scandal.

No motive is attributed to the Ickes proposal except that of safeguarding oil. In fact, some people consider it significant that his proposal happened to coincide, by luck or otherwise, with the nomination of Oil Man Pauley to be under secretary of the navy.

But what senators consider important is that, with Pauley's friend Ralph Davies offered the job of under secretary of the interior, the navy's oil lands, no matter where they are located — in interior or navy—will be partially under Pauley or a friend of his.

MEXICAN OIL DEAL

Relationship between Davies and Pauley has been extremely close. Davies was executive vice president of Standard Oil of California. Pauley sold him his own independent oil company. Later Pauley brought Davies to Washington, introduced him to Ickes, following which Davies became Ickes' deputy oil administrator. He did a good job.

However, state department officials say he continued to look out for Ed Pauley.

When Pauley was trying to lobby his high-octane Mexican gasoline plant through the government, it had to pass the hurdle of Secretary Ickes' petroleum administration. Davies okayed it — not only okayed it, but pushed it vigorously. At first Ickes also gave it his blessing. The state department, however, was vigorously opposed.

Showdown came in a secret session between Ickes, Davies, a Davies aid, and the Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson. The full story of this session was never really told at the senate hearing. Acheson opened by giving Ickes a very careful diagnosis of why the Mexican high-octane gasoline plant [illegible]. He should not be [illegible] by Pauley. He took up point after point, his main argument being that the Mexican government would have to pay such a high price to Pauley that it would sour U. S.-Mexican relations.

After Acheson had finished, Ickes turned to Pauley's friend, Ralph Davies, and asked:

"Why didn't you tell me these things?"

"I didn't know them either," replied the red-faced Davies. Then, turning to his aid, he snarled: "Why didn't you tell me these things?"

Ickes immediately reversed himself, threw his weight against Pauley. That is the real inside of how the Pauley octane plant for Mexico was stopped. Davies, of course, is an able, intelligent operator, too intelligent not to have known the main points of the Pauley plan. Pauley is equally able. He would be a good executive almost anywhere. But some senators want to think twice before putting these oil twins near the head of two departments controlling the oil reserves of the nation.

PRESIDENTIAL HUMOR

President Truman has been taking recent criticism in excellent humor. The other day he was talking with a group of friends and said:

"Apparently, no matter what I do I'm always in the middle. I say something about Palestine, and the Jews and the Arabs holler. Labor and capital get in a fight, and I am in the middle. The Russians and the British have an argument, and I am in the middle."

Suddenly the President paused, walked over to the door of his office, which connects with that of his secretary, Matthew Connelly, and called out:

"Hey, Matt, where can I buy a copy of Dale Carnegie's 'How to Win Friends and Influence People'?"

CAPITAL CHAFF

Assistant Sec. of State Spruille Braden is being muzzled by the cautious pink-tea diplomats regarding some sensational documents seized in Germany showing how certain Latin-American diplomats aided the Nazis during the war. . . . Forty-five small steel companies have now increased steel wages, thus sending more than 50,000 steel workers back to work. . . . Southern senators seem to like the filibuster method. Last week Senator Bilbo served notice he intends to use it against the British loan.

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Lesson for February 24

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WHAT MAKES A PEOPLE GREAT—RELIGION IN THE HOME

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
MEMORY SELECTION: Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.—Psalm 145:2.

Home, church, school and state—these are the four institutions which determine the greatness of a people—and the most influential of all is the home.

What a child becomes under the nurture of the home will determine his interest in the church, his attitude toward school, and even his value as a citizen of the nation. How tragic then that we are giving so little attention to our American homes!

The religious life of the home is the most important element in character activity, for it is the determining factor in the life of the child. It is in the home that the child's whole existence centers and from which he receives the repeated impressions day by day, which determine his character and destiny. It is in the home that the parent has the opportunity to demonstrate the reality of his faith professed in the church, and to show the child that Christianity counts in the ordinary experiences of life.

Three things appear in our lesson as characterizing the religion of the home.

I. Worship (vv. 4, 5).

Twice a day the orthodox Jew repeats the words of these verses, namely, at the time of prayer, morning and night. They remind him of his personal relationship to God and they recall one of God's great reasons for calling Israel to be a people. They were to be a nation witness to the one true God in the midst of the almost universal worship of many gods. They were to stand for monotheism in the face of polytheism.

So important is the complete devotion of man—and that includes the whole family—to God that Jesus was asked what was the greatest of all commandments (Mark 12:28-31), he named this passage together with Leviticus 19:18.

Nothing should take precedence over the true worship of God in the hearts, and in the hearts of all we hold dear in our households. The Eternal One, the Source of all, the All-Powerful One, he is "our God" (v. 4) and he looks to us for complete and constant devotion to him. Let us give it!

II. Instruction (vv. 6-9).

It was not enough that these things should be repeated in some routine or formal worship, but they were also to be taught to the children in the home with all faithfulness and diligence, and by the parents.

We are far too eager to delegate the teaching of our children to others. In religious matters the church and the Sunday school [illegible] are responsible. Many parents [illegible] not even take their boys and girls to the house of God. They just send them. Mark it well, such parents are delinquent in their duties to God and to their families.

But our vital point is this: the business of the home to [illegible] religion, to do it regularly, to make it a normal and natural part of daily life.

Talk is a matter of great importance. The faith which we profess in the church must be effectively brought into the home. It is not enough to carry a Bible on Sunday. It should be in use in the home throughout the week—not only in family worship, but in the [illegible] of daily life.

The family altar has greatly disappeared, and it is regrettable that it has, for the testimony of generations indicates that in the worship some of the most useful men and women of all ages have received the direction of life which has made them great for God.

III. Remembrance (vv. 10-25).

Israel had a history full of the magnificent mercies of God. Every day when, by his help and guidance, they were to be established in the land, they were to recall his blessings and recognize his goodness.

There are few, if any, more powerful incentives to faith and righteous living than the remembrance of past blessings. To recall them made it possible for ordinary men and women to, by faith, subdue kingdoms, quench the fires of persecution, turn back the armies of aliens, to become strong in the midst of weakness (read Heb. 11) to [illegible] one ready for the battles of life.

Every family has its difficulties and trying days, its experiences of reproach and shame and fear—and in the Christian family God has always been the answer—the solution to every problem, the provider for every need. Keep such memories alive in the thinking of boys and girls, and they will be ready for the battles of life.

Help them to a great faith in a great Saviour and you have given them something more precious than all the riches of all the earth.

The Farmers National Bank

Makes a report and presents some truly remarkable figures showing growth from opening day, September, 1918 to this good day, 1946:

September 1918	Deposits	$9,433.34;	Total Resources	$36,875.32
Dec. 1933	"	$161,626.69	"	$322,420.98
Today, 1946	"	$1,086,651.43	"	$1,271,660.65

The Bank has been fortunate in having some outstanding men at its head as Presidents. Mr. C. W. Hancock was President from 1918 to 1928; Mr. C. A. Hancock from 1928 to 1935; Mr. M. C. Smtth from 1935 to 1937; and the present president, Mr. F. L. Murphy has been president since 1937.

Nine of those who served on our Board of Directors have passed on: Dr. D. M Robertson, C. W. Hancock, A. H. Clement, Dr. D. N. Twyman, R. W. Burkey, Wm. C. Harvey, Sr., S. J. Lee, G. R. Purdum, W. M. Hancock and Don Moses.

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L. J. Morris, Vice President
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The Bank is now planning extensive improvements and will repaint interior and exterior; build an addition in the rear to provide needed storage and office space, and is now installing a new, Grade A sound-wave, electric burglar alarm system.

We find on our first public announcement these words:

"Purpose for which organized - To promote and develop the agricultural and business resources of Appomattox and the surrounding country."

The record shows that the people have been appreciative and given this Bank their liberal support. We believe we have been helpful and carried out to some extent our part in the growth of our Town and improvement in general conditions in this section. Your continued patronage is solicited.

A. R. HARWOOD, Cashier

See Cashier's announcement elsewhere in this issue.